

4A. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOALS

It is the goal of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office DNA Section to:

- Provide the users of laboratory services access to DNA analysis of biological materials associated with official investigations.
- Ensure the quality, integrity, and accuracy of the DNA analysis data through the implementation of a detailed Quality Assurance / Quality Control program.

OBJECTIVES

It is the objective of the Quality Assurance / Quality Control program to:

- Monitor on a routine basis the analytical testing procedures for DNA analysis by means of quality control standards, proficiency tests, and audits.
- Verify that the entire validated DNA analysis procedure is followed and the validity of the analytical data is maintained.
- Ensure that any problems are noted and appropriate corrective actions are taken and documented.

Refer to the DNA TRAINING PROGRAM, DIVISION SAFETY MANUAL, CODIS OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL, DIVISION QUALITY ASSURANCE MANUAL and DNA PROCEDURE MANUAL for additional quality assurance requirements.

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